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FM AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, UR

SUBJECT: LECTURE COMMENTS ON U. S. DOMESTIC SCENE

REF: LENINGRAD 427

1. LENINGRAD LECTURER ON MAY 26 AGAIN TOOK UP PRESIDENT  
NIXON'S SITUATION IN LIGHT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HEARINGS AND TIMING

OF VISIT TO SOVIET UNION. THIS WAS SECOND SUNDAY WHERE SUBJECT  
PRESENTED AS PART OF SPEAKER'S PREPARED PRESENTATION IN  
REVIEWING INTERNATIONAL SCENE, INDICATING THAT IT PART OF  
REGULAR PROPAGAND GUIDELINES HERE.

2. ALTHOUGH SPEAKING FAVORABLY OF NECESSITY FOR IMPROVED U.S.-  
SOVIET RELATIONS, LECTURER CITED TWO MAIN DIFFICULTIES: LACK  
OF MFN IN TRADE AND A "U.S. INTERNAL MATTER, NAMELY THREAT  
OF IMPEACHMENT OF PRESIDENT." FACT THAT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE  
FORMALLY CONSIDERING MATTER SAID TO BE SIGNIFICANT AND POINT  
BROUGHT OUT THAT COMMITTEE CAN REQUIRE PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE  
MORE DOCUMENTS OR FACE CONGRESSIONAL SANCTIONS.  
INQUIRY SAID TO BE PROCEEDING LIKE "EXPRESS TRAIN" INTO JUNE  
PERIOD, AND SIGNIFICANT IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULED VISIT  
TO SOVIET UNION.

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3. OPPONENTS OF DETENTE DESCRIBED AS UTILIZING WATERGATE AFFAIR

AND, BY IMPLICATION, SEEKING IMPEACHMENT AS MEANS TO SLOW  
DEVELOPMENT OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. LECTURER TOOK NOTE  
OF PRESIDENT'S RECENT STATEMENTS THAT HE WOULD NOT RESIGN IN  
VIEW OF FACT THAT HE NOT GUILTY OF ANY WRONGDOING, WILL NOT  
DIMINISH POWER PRESIDENCY, AND IMPORTANCE TO WORLD AFFAIRS.  
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